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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF : EXAMINER:

Hideo ANDO et al. :

SERIAL NO: NEW DIVISIONAL APPLICATION : GROUP ART UNIT:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-27 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

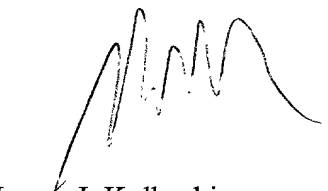
Claims 1 is pending in the present application. Claims 2-27 have been canceled by the present amendment.

This application is a divisional application of parent application Serial No.  
09/630,430, filed on August 1, 2000.

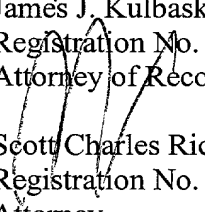
Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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